

It ASDA Be OUTRAGE!

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Simon Wright, a spokesperson from the new Nottingham Outrage group said: "Our first action has been a huge success. The BBC estimated 100 demonstrators but we lost count. The huge turnout shows the strength of feeling on this issue and our commitment to defend the people of our communities. We are waiting for a response from ASDA before planning our next move."

(Outrage meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 8.30pm Forest Tavern, Mansfield Road, Nottingham).

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The two local radio stations were waiting below to interview Deborah Watson, first to reach the ground. "The amount raised well exceeded our expectations," said Deborah, Service Development Officer with LASS. "Cautious estimates suggest that over £2,500 was raised, with street collections alone bringing in £600."

PROMENAI 1992.

The much-heralded PROMENAI 92 takes place at the Leicester Haymarket Theatre on 26th January and is the biggest event of its kind outside London. The organisers are currently seeking the support of celebrities, businesses, journalists and the general public to make this fourth Promenaid even more successful than its three predecessors.

PROMENAI is not just a show, it is a whole day of fundraising activities. Throughout the day there will be a host of attractions including, music, a charity auction, street entertainment, craft stalls, celebrity autograph signing, opportunities for the public to meet celebrities, a giant tombola, face-painting, raffle, food and drink. The day culminates in a star-studded show on stage at 8pm featuring stars from stage and screen.

The first PROMENAI took place in January 1989, and was the idea of actor Michael Brogan who was appearing at the Haymarket Theatre. More than £30,000 has been raised over the last three events, and has been made possible thanks largely to the commitment, energy and enthusiasm of the theatre's staff and companies. Anyone wishing to support Promenaid '92 should contact Deborah Watson on LASS on (0533) 559995.

At least half the money goes directly to the David Manley Fund to enable it to continue improving the quality of life for people living with HIV/Aids in Leicestershire. Other beneficiaries include the Black HIV and Aids Forum and Leicester Body Positive.

WINTER PRIDE

Winter Pride, with swimming, disco, films, market, live music, theatre, runs from 11am to 11pm at ULU, Malet Street, London on Sunday 8th December. Proceeds towards 1992 Summer Pride.

NEW IN '92

Coming to OUTRIGHT

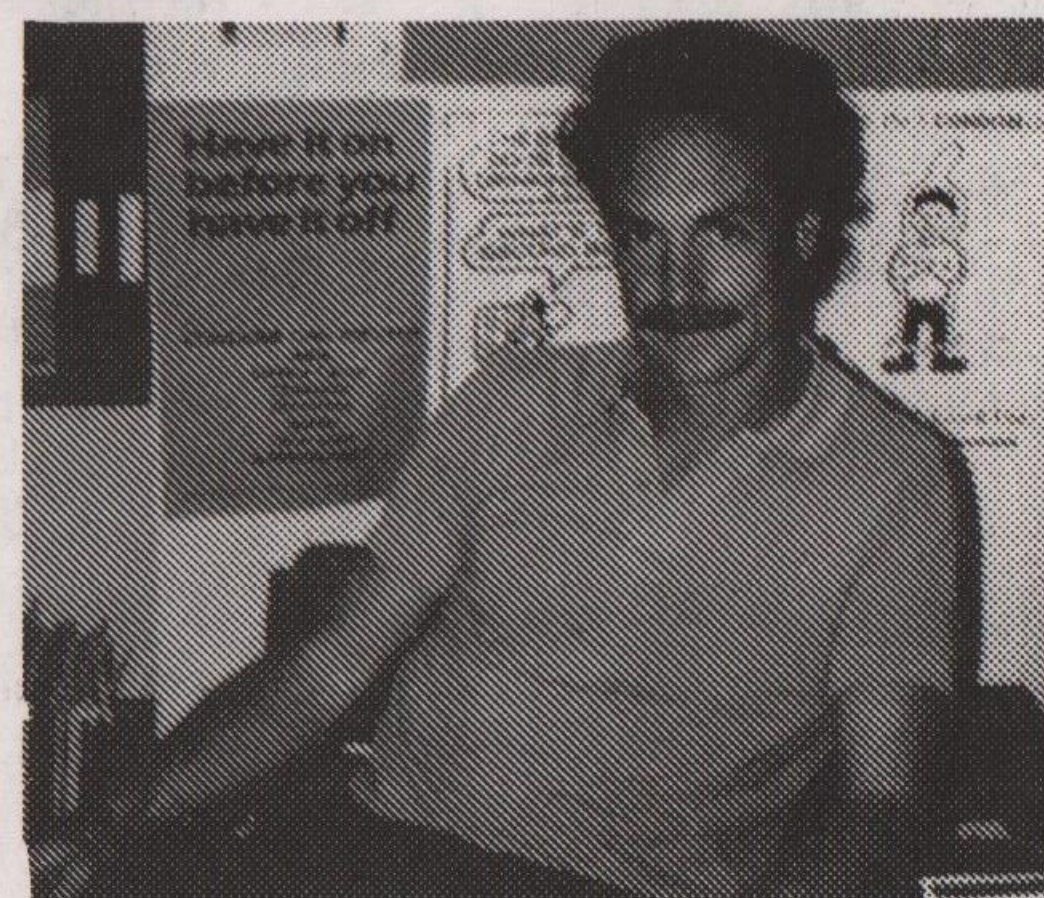
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DERBY DANCES FOR HIV/AIDS

Several events with a musical theme marked Derbyshire Aids Awareness Week including a song competition on the theme of HIV/AIDS. Information stalls were also available together with informal entertainment and the evening was rounded off with a Barn Dance. Looking internationally, local college students did a sponsored hairdressing to raise money for an AIDS organisation in Zambia.



Clive Aylesbury

"While the public seem to have a greater understanding of HIV, research shows little change in their risk-taking behaviour. It is crucial that people protect themselves from HIV", said Clive Aylesbury, AIDS Liaison Officer, Southern Derbyshire Health Authority.

The award-winning film, "Edward II" was premiered in Derby at the Metro Cinema with all the proceeds going to Derby Body Positive - a self-help group for people living with HIV or AIDS.

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IT ASDA BE OUTRAGE!

Over 100 angry lesbians and gay men occupied a Nottingham supermarket last month and held a 'kiss in' in protest against the expulsion of a lesbian couple for kissing in the store.

The 'Kiss-in', organised by Nottingham Outrage, took place in the ASDA supermarket in Hyson Green, Nottingham and clearly took both shoppers and staff by surprise with a medley of chants including "We're here, we're queer and we're not going shopping" echoing round store.

The action, which lasted 15 minutes, culminated in the presentation of a letter to the Manager from the lesbian and gay communities of Nottingham. The demands included an unqualified apology from the store and a promise not to discriminate against lesbian and gay shoppers expressing affection in future.

OUTRIGHT spoke to the Store Manager, Mr. Adams, who apologised for being tied up when our reporter first called. He said he was unable to comment but said that everything had been passed to their head office in Leeds. We contacted their Leeds head office but their public relations person as "unavailable" at the time.

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ABSEILERS DROP IN ON LEICESTER SHOPPERS

Twenty three volunteers in fancy dress surprised Leicester shoppers on World Aids Day as they abseiled down the front of Lewis's building in Humberstone Gate. Some dressed as crocodiles, chickens, tigers and vampires.

When they are not sliding down buildings, the abseilers are part of the 90 strong team of LASS (Leicestershire AIDS Support Services)

volunteers providing a range of emotional and practical support to people with HIV and AIDS in the county. None had abseiled before and there were a few queasy tummies before the event, but all felt it was a novel way of drawing public attention.

Large crowds of six hundred or more gathered in the street below and the event lasted for more than two hours, without accident or mishap.

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Val Lehman

FINAL BREAK OUT FOR 'PRISONER'

'Prisoner Cell Block H' fans are expected to flock to Birmingham on December 16th, on the day that the last TV programme is screened in the Midlands, to witness one of the biggest 'Prisoner' theme raves ever staged, say the organisers.

The entire proceedings will be supervised by 'topdog' Val Lehman (Queen Bea Smith) and will include all night dancing, live phone links with cast members in Australia, a host of guest and celebrity speakers and an auction of original 'Prisoner' memorabilia and a lookalike fancy dress contest.

So get out those plaid shirts, fling on those slingbacks and join them! The event takes place at The Institute in Birmingham from 8 till late (£5 in advance £7 on door). Tel: 021- 643 -7788.

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COUNCIL ON TRIAL

Representatives of gay and lesbian groups met with Councillors and Officers of Nottingham City Council at the YMCA on 27th November. This was the second such meeting and was supposed to be part of the Council's consultation on its "Equality Programme."

The meeting began promptly, indeed so promptly that several people arrived at 7pm to find their entry through the fire escape locked and had to weave their way between ballroom dancers in the grand salon to get to the meeting.

Chief topics for discussion were housing and community facilities. Eighteen gays and lesbians had come from a range of invited groups, to talk with seven middle ranking Officers and two Councillors including the Chair of the "Personnel and Customer Care" Committee, Don Scott. All other Committee Chairs had been invited too but none came.

Pangs of conscience?

The Housing Director, Arthur Osof, was not in attendance. Perhaps he remembered the grilling he got from a Gay Mens Sub Committee of the Council in 1986. Perhaps he had some pangs of conscience over the lack of progress on lesbian and gay equality issues in his department in the intervening six years. Or perhaps not. Instead, the meeting heard from the Housing Manager (Allocations), Hugh Driscoll, who suggested that the fine print on page 87 of the tenancy agreement might, after internal (or was it interminable?) discussions, perhaps be altered to include reference to sexual orientation. Pressed as to when this might happen, he thought it might be when current stocks are exhausted - in about three years time! So polite was the meeting that an opportunity for some outrageous indignation was missed.

The lack of Council grants for lesbian and gay groups was also raised, and the need for financial support for a lesbian



and gay community centre. Little was forthcoming here though, as the Council now has "criteria" to observe, and the "criteria" don't allow for special interest groups. Urban Programme grants were recommended once again, though the OUT HOUSE Project has been applying for six consecutive years and has failed to find support in any of them.

Waiting for months

And as for Community Development grants, Friend has been waiting months for its application to be approved and the omens are not good: in fact more money was squeezed out of the Council for gay and lesbian groups when it was Tory controlled (the magnificent sum of £200!) than during the period of Labour control since 1988. The only new wall to bang our lesbian and gay heads against is Mr Heseltine's City Challenge money, most of it already earmarked for jobs and housing, and gay and lesbian groups as yet uninvited to meetings to discuss the spending of the remainder.

On a question about safety on Nottingham City Transport buses, there was no commitment to use the Council's nominees on the Board of Directors to implement equal opportunities policies, and the Chair suggested that somebody should write a letter to the Director of the bus company!

Bottom scraped

The bottom of the proverbial barrel was scraped when a well meaning Officer, when asked why there are no full time Council officers for gay and lesbian issues comparable to those employed on race and disability, suggested that perhaps the community could get some Polytechnic students on eight week secondments!

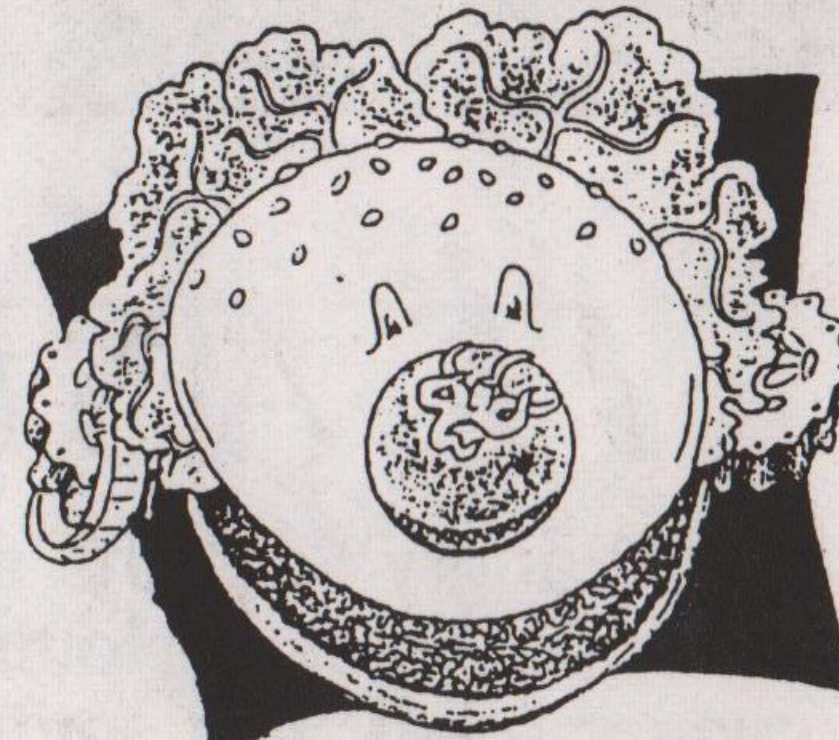
By nine o'clock several Officers had already left. One very nervous man from the Planning Department had already escaped before any questions could be directed his way, and another had been buying presents for his daughter and had to get home to his wife (no poofter that one). None of the lesbians and gays who had also given up their evening's pleasures for the Council's benefit (it certainly wasn't for ours) left early.

The meeting was pervaded by a pall of cynicism. Time and again gay and lesbian representatives repeated the need for the Council to be explicit about its commitment to gays and lesbians, to make the first move in changing its policies instead of engaging in endless "consultations". But will they listen? We'll see. The next meeting is in January.

Doris C Ranch

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ANTI-HOMOPHOBIA

A course is being put together by the Nottinghamshire Community Work Training Group on Anti-Homophobia. Intended for community workers, the course is being designed by a working group of six people, and they are now looking for an input by lesbian and gay groups in the county. The input could take a number of forms, such as advice on the course content, providing trainers, offering funding, or just putting forward ideas or experiences of homophobia. The next meeting of the group is on the 16th December. Additional information can be supplied by Chris Pereira, Development/Outreach Worker at CVS, 33, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3FF, tel:(0602) 413279.

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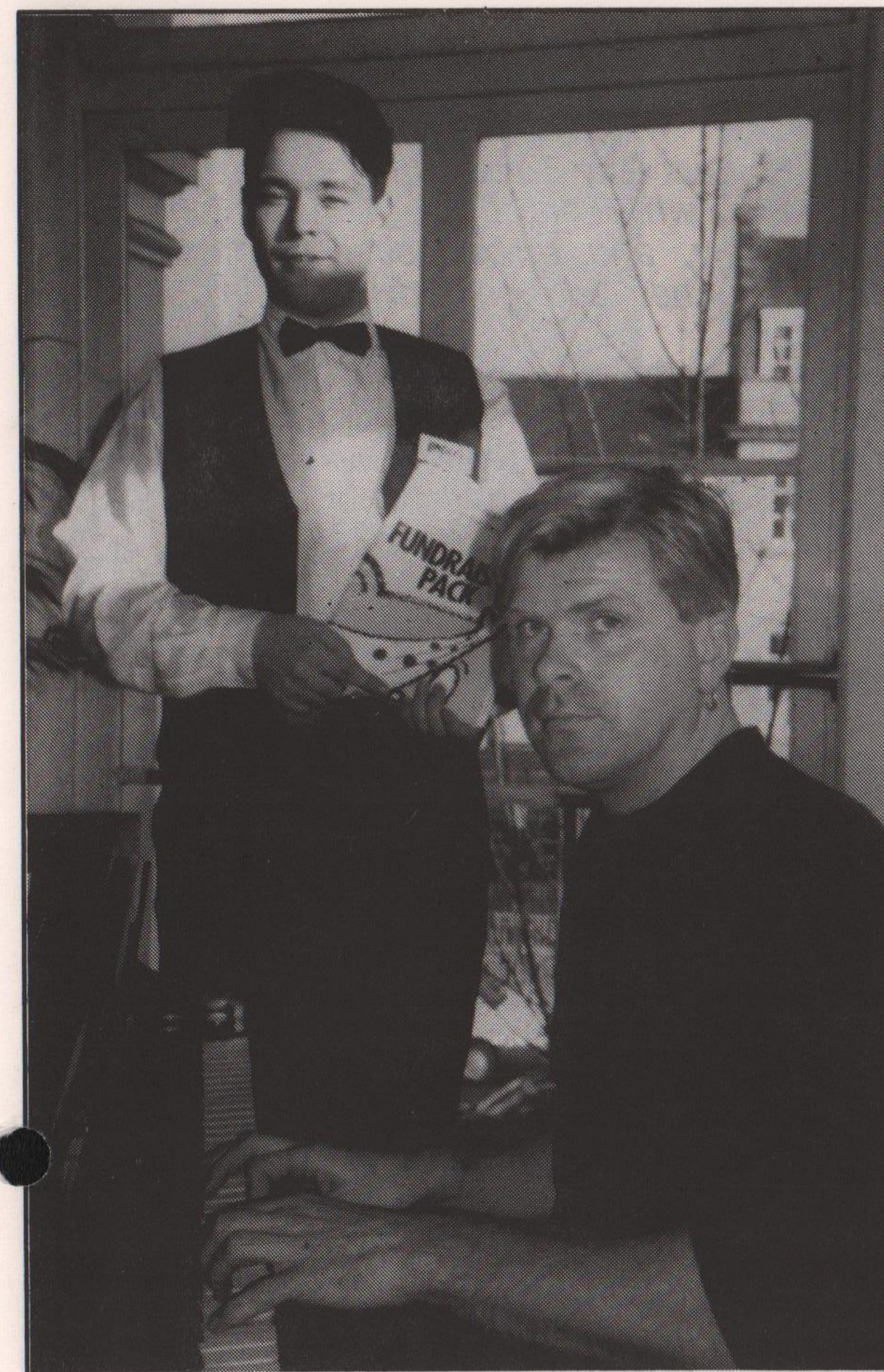
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PLAYING AWAY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

A ten-hour sponsored piano play by the resident pianist of Nottingham's Royal Centre ended a novel event in support of the BBC's Children In Need Appeal last month. Resident pianist, Michael Yeomans and Bar Supervisor Steve Simpson (pictured) decided to mount their own special appeal at the Royal Centre. The sponsored piano play included 'sing along with Michael for sixpence or more' plus one hour's playing blindfolded.

In addition a number of artists, including Kylie Minogue, provided autographed programmes and records for auction. The organisers also persuaded various businesses to donate prizes. Interviews on BBC Radio Nottingham and Central News East completed the day's events. "We would like to thank everyone who helped with the event and are very pleased to have supported this worthy cause," said Michael.

AIDS UPDATE NOTTINGHAM

At a conference in Nottingham, Dr. Richard Slack from Queens Medical Centre reported that the hospital was monitoring a new drug, Zidovudine which is believed to increase life expectancy by 70% for patients diagnosed with AIDS.

During the past five years 29 Nottingham people have developed AIDS and 15 have died. HIV has been diagnosed in 120 cases in the city and 422 in the Trent Health region as a whole.

The conference was organised by Nottingham Polytechnic Law School and the Terence Higgins Trust and took place at the Bestwood Lodge Hotel and was attended by 60 delegates from England and Wales.

Events organised in Nottingham for World Aids Day included a balloon race, an open day at the Nottingham Health Authority headquarters and seminars at Nottingham Playhouse.

SHAKTI NEW YEAR DISCO



Shakti's New Year's Eve Disco is at The Ballroom, City Rooms, Hotel Street, Leicester from 9.30pm. £3 on the door. All lesbians and gay men welcome. If you would like to see the New Year in South Asian style, this is the place to be.

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Gay characters appear in another Casualty episode on Friday 13th December. It's an unlucky day for Leslie Smith (Frank Windsor), and his business partner Dan who collapses and is rushed to Holby General. There Duffy discovers that the two men have been lovers for years and has to deal with the disapproval of Dan's daughter Susan. (BBC1, 9.30pm, Fri 13th Dec). The last gay character to appear was a schoolteacher, attacked while cruising on the towpath and subsequently forced to come out to his girlfriend.

Casualty appears for the last time in the current series on December 20th.



10 SECONDS FROM MUSHROOM BOOKSHOP

For the fourth year, Mushroom Bookshop will have an additional Christmas shop - open earlier this year-from Saturday 9th November. This Christmas the shop is just down Heathcote Street, on the same side as the bookshop - 10 seconds (running) in fact.

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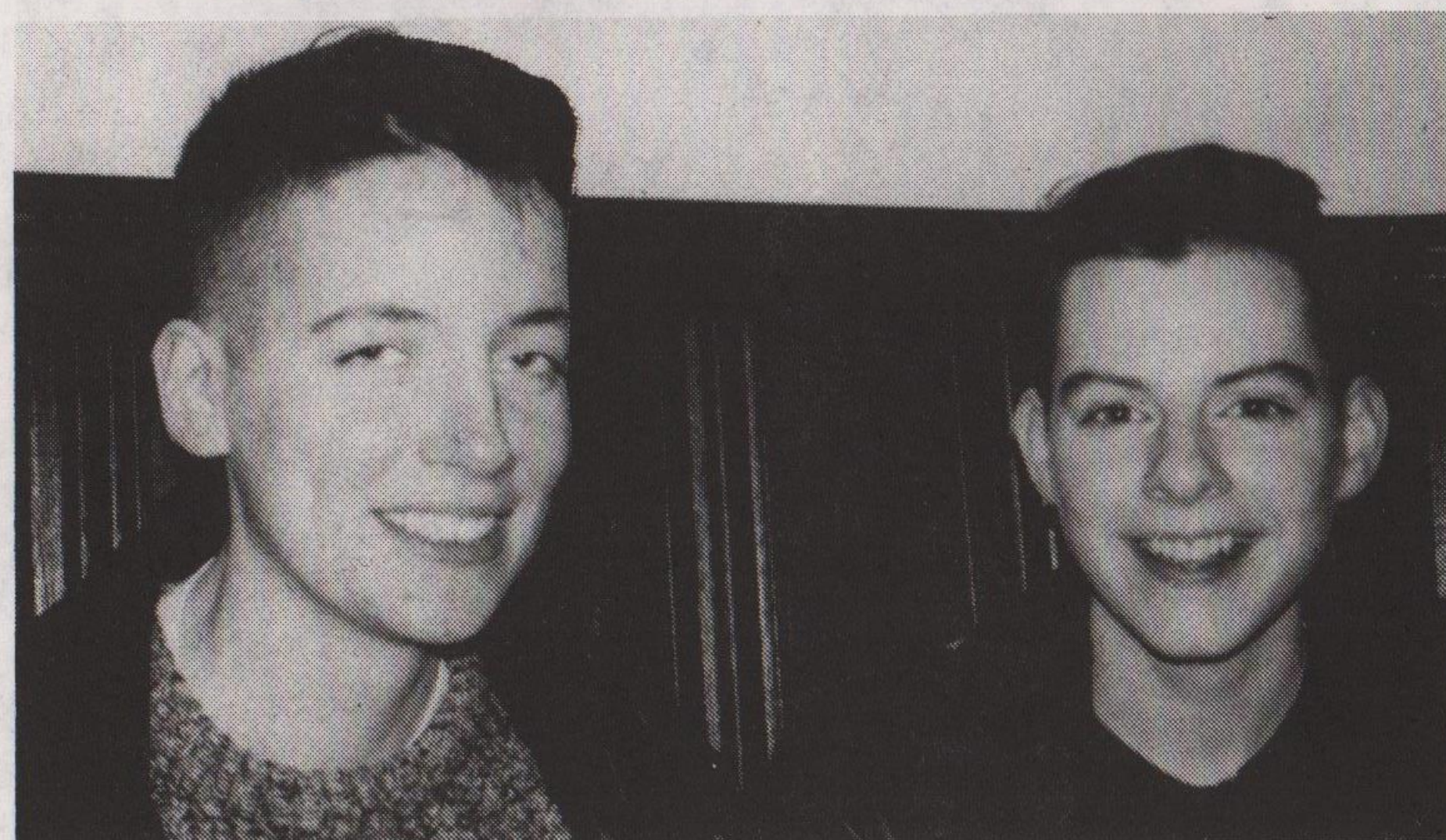
THURSDAY 30 JANUARY at 8.00 pm

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HOW WE MET

We first met at a Student Gay Society in Nottingham. We just stared at each other for a while, and I thought, I fancy her" says Liz Millward. "I was shy, and embarrassed", admits Morag Christie. And without further ado both dissolve into helpless laughter.

"Then over several months we ran into each other in various parts of Nottingham - but I was still too embarrassed to make the first move", Morag confesses. "We finally gelled when we were both leafleting at a Clause 25 meeting last year and ended up at the same party". We began going steady a week later.



Morag Christie and Liz Millward

Both Morag and Liz felt it was important to have their own space and not see too much of each other. "Besides, living apart keeps the sex fresh", chirps in Liz. "We have been together now nine months and our hobbies include S&M sex and ballroom dancing."

"Well actually, I led Liz astray and taught her ballroom dancing and we haven't looked back. My parents were West of Scotland ballroom dancing champions so I've grown up with it" said Morag. Needless to say in university ballroom circles they don't quite know how to deal with us," I usually take the male part and lead as I'm taller" Morag tells me. Liz just laughs. "And anyone else who ends up as a partner with one of us holds us rigidly at arms length", And this is where I wear the frock", adds Liz. And they are both in a quivering heap again.

Both Liz and Morag believe that the measure of a successful relationship is where the positives outweigh the negatives, in terms of growth as a person, as well as the capacity to enjoy themselves. They both agreed that they managed to get a lot of fun out of life and being together.

Little did they know that stealing a kiss in ASDA would outrage the management there and, well, the rest is history in the making.

PUB OWNER IN COURT FOR CRIMINAL DAMAGE

Pub owner Mark Hebdon, joint licensee of the Victoria Inn, Derby who accused Derby's gay communities of "being bitchy" was ejected from Curzons Club in Derby after causing a disturbance there last month.

David Collins of Curzons said that Mr. Hebdon came into the club and tried his best to provoke an incident between himself and his former Manager, Andrew Hartley, who was in the club that night. "Other customers were complaining about Hebdon's presence after the things he said about gays in Derby and we asked him politely to leave. He slammed his drink down and eventually left, but not before he damaged the front door of the club", said David.

The police were called, he was arrested and was due to appear in court charged with criminal damage as we went to press.



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SELL OUT FOR SWEATSHOP

Gay Sweatshop performed 'The Last Enemy' to a capacity audience in Nottingham's Broadway Media Centre on November 23rd. The final performance in their nationwide tour attracted an audience of 170, and at least another hundred failed to obtain seats after tickets sold out at Mushroom Bookshop four days earlier.

"We were inundated with requests" said Ross Bradshaw of Mushroom. "On Friday and Saturday we must have had over a hundred requests for tickets, and the phone hardly stopped ringing." Broadway's box office was also besieged, and one of the organisers, Chris Richardson of The OUT HOUSE Project, was even offered bribes on Friday night: "By that time we had already squeezed extra seats into the auditorium and there was simply no more space available. But the two women who attempted the bribe (of donations to charity) were very persistent. They were first in the queue for returned tickets on Saturday night and both got seats."



Mushroom Bookshop Workers

Most of the audience were unaware how near the play had been to cancellation. One of the actors, Kieran McCrystal who played three roles, had been suffering from food poisoning and had felt too unwell to perform on the second booking at Leeds the night before. "Kieran has to be gagged in one of his roles" said Mattea Goldstein, Sweatshop company stage manager, "and he would have been unable to go on. He needed time to recover and it was a question of which performance to cancel, Leeds or Nottingham. As the Nottingham performance was a charity benefit for The OUT HOUSE Project, it was Leeds that was cancelled."

OUT HOUSE members had spent two days turning the old Co-op Rainbow Room into a theatre. "Nottingham is desperately short of performance space for a medium size audience" said Anthony, the OUT HOUSE Secretary, "so we had to create our own theatre. And we did it, with the support of Broadway technician Dave Pitt, who almost lived in the building for three days before and after the performance."

Gay Sweatshop's next tour is a year away. Director David Benedict will soon be commissioning a new writer, a new play and new actors. Sweatshop actors are under contract for each play and, for several members of 'The Last Enemy' cast, the end of the tour means a return to the dole until their agents find them new roles to play. But they were full of praise for the Nottingham audience. "We had a very good audience" said David "and it makes a lot of difference to us. Despite some bad reviews from the London critics at the start of the tour, we've played to appreciative capacity audiences throughout." Next time around they hope to perform two nights in Nottingham so that everyone who wants to see the show can get in.

For The OUT HOUSE Project, Nottingham's lesbian and gay community centre co-op, it was also a successful evening. Profits from the performance look likely to add another £280 to their funds and bring the hope of a community centre a little bit nearer to reality.

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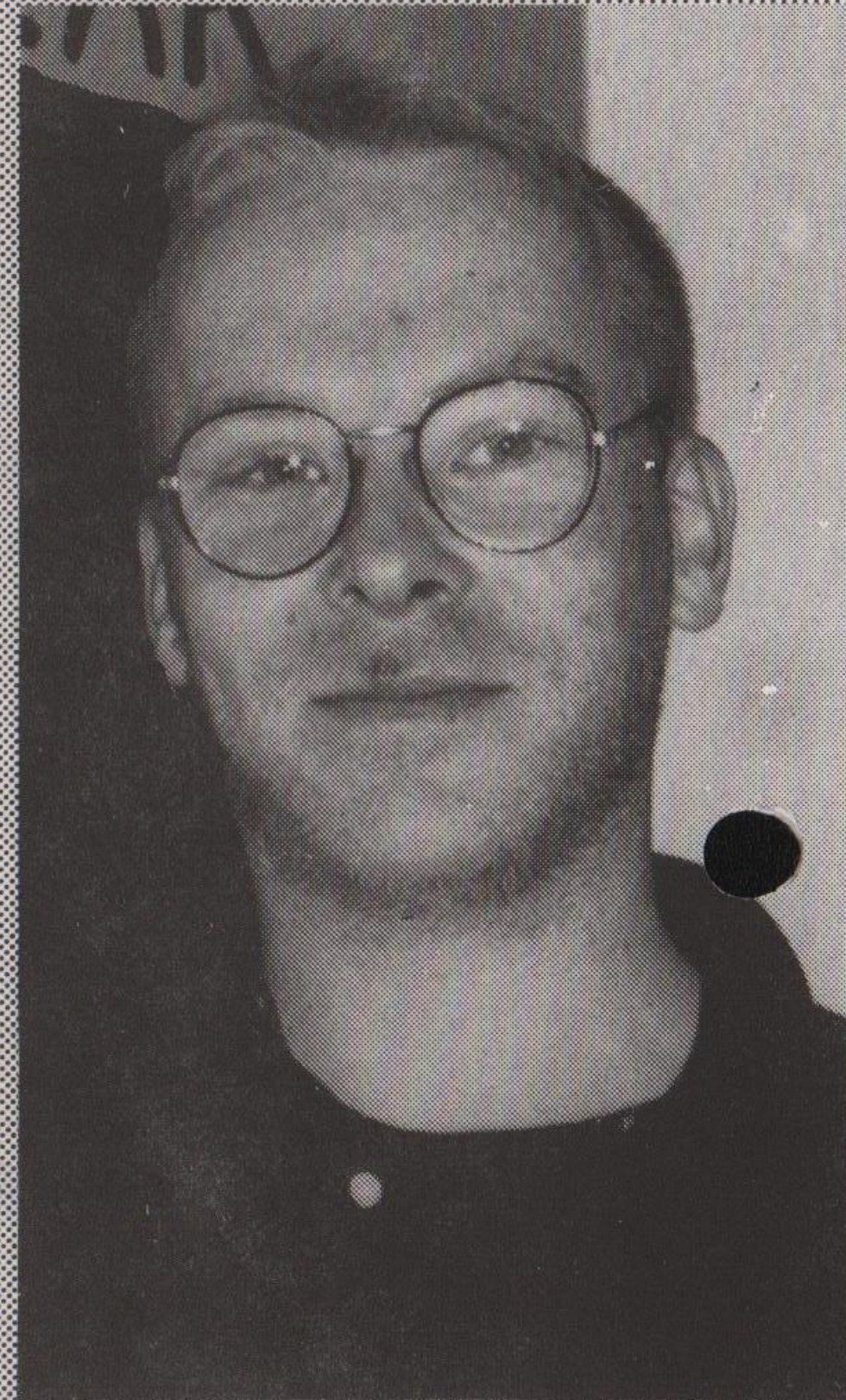


Keith and Dave at the opening of Wuldos club in Derby in January, now known as Curzons.



Jill Parker was appointed new full time worker for Leicester Lesbian and Gayline, and interviewed in April OUTRIGHT.

Ashley Fletcher spoke to OUTRIGHT about Nottingham's pioneering Health Shop in Broad Street, Nottingham.



35,000 travelled to London for PRIDE '91



These three cuddly bears from Leicester were snapped up by OUTRIGHT photographer on the way to Kennington Park.

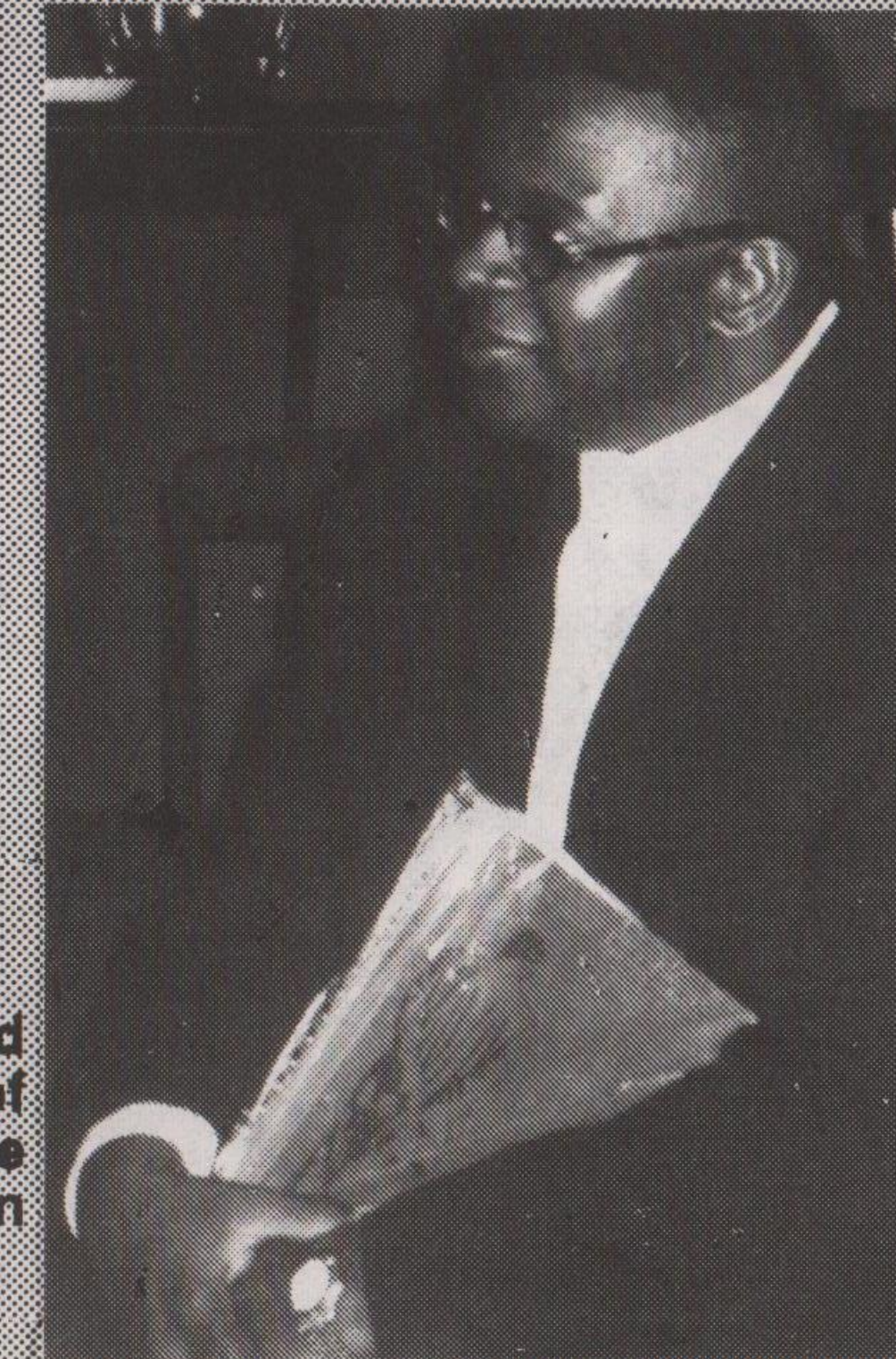


SOME HIGHLIGHTS REMEMBERED



Gay Mens Week at Lauriston Hall featured in OUTRIGHT in July.

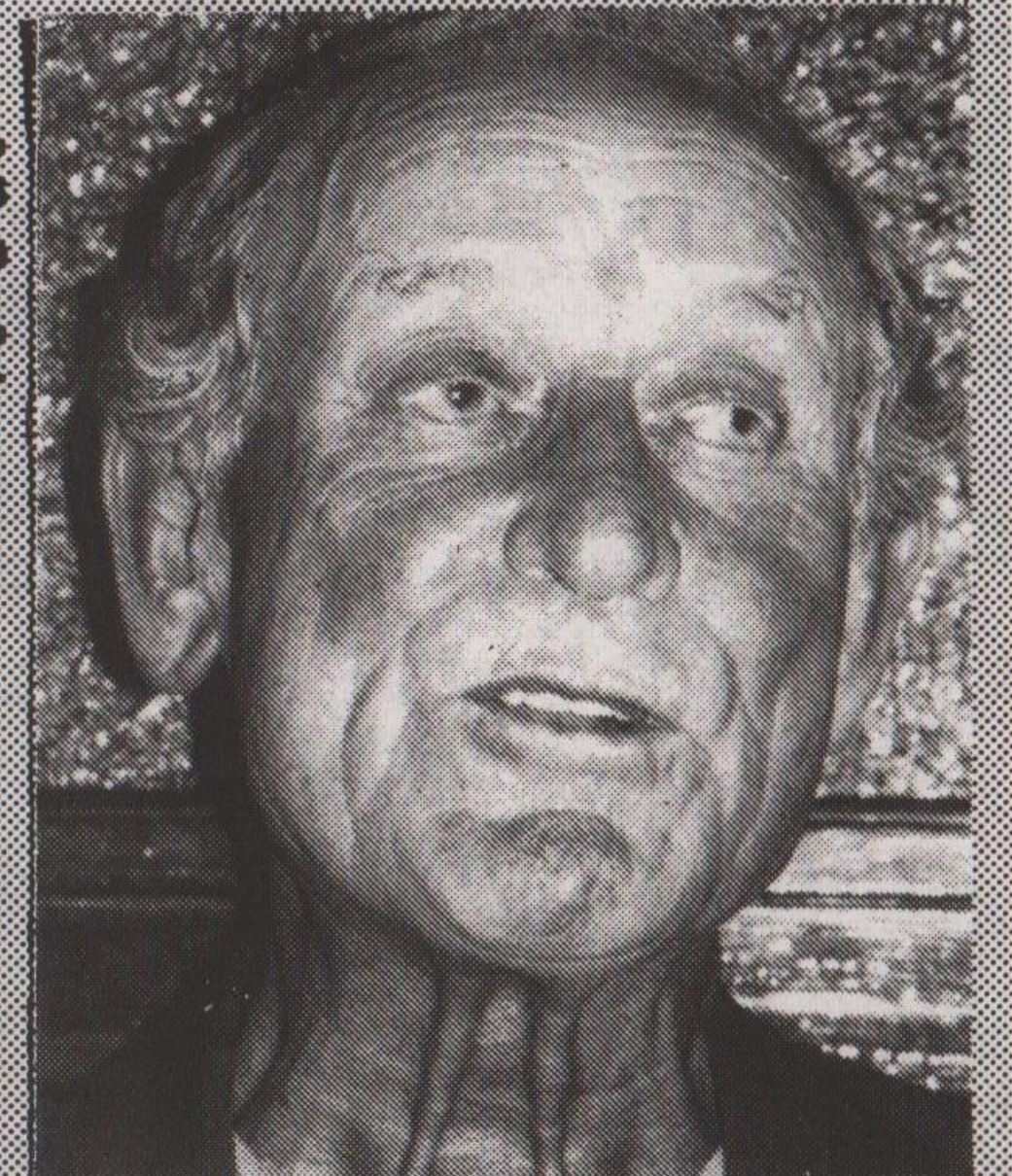
Isaac Julien, director of 'Young Soul Rebels' made a personal appearance in Nottingham.



Fran Walsh was appointed first full time Co-ordinator of Nottingham Body Positive group and was interviewed in June.



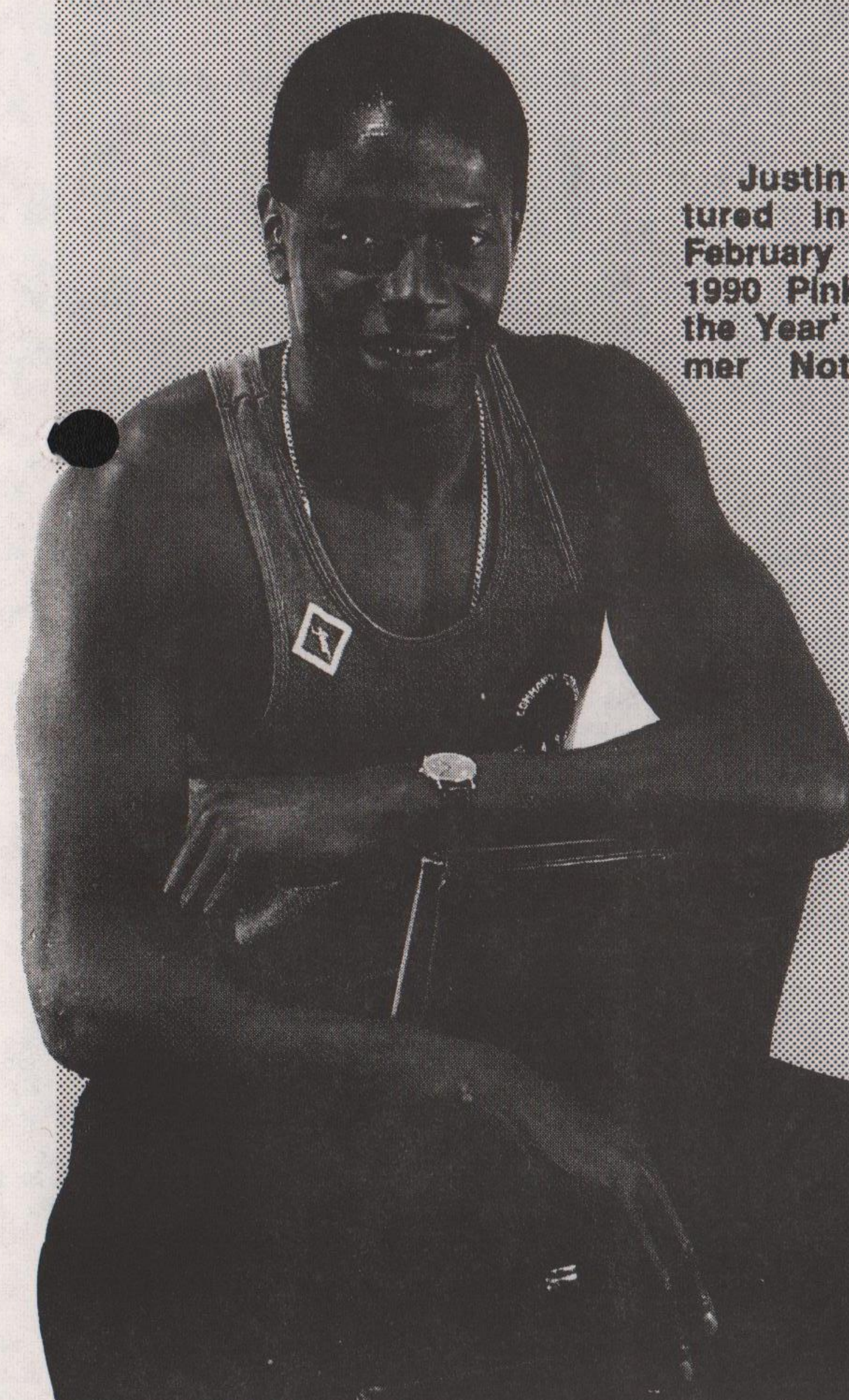
Ike Cowen, early gay rights pioneer from the East Midlands, featured in OUTRIGHT in October.



OUTRAGED in ASDA in November and featured in the current edition.



Justin Fashanu, featured in OUTRIGHT in February after he won the 1990 Pink Paper 'Man of the Year' award. The former Nottingham Forest player is now a non-league player since he came out and was shunned by the football world.





OUT, ONCE MORE - Pat Parris

Pat Parris has had a number of careers in the University of Life including mother, out-lesbian and a worker in voluntary agencies. Recently she began a formal university degree in social work. Her Coming Out as a lesbian on the course showed how members of other groups who are themselves discriminated against, can become unexpected and welcome allies. Below is the first of a two-part article on some of her experiences.

Was it a conscious decision to come out, I wondered. "It's so many years since I've been in," she reminds me with a broad grin.

"I came out to the students on the second day of the course. It was quite interesting. There was a discussion on anti-oppressive practices, but there was nothing on gender. Later that afternoon we were asked to each look at one kind of oppression and we all tossed in situations. To my surprise an Asian woman student said that she needed to know more about lesbians and gays as they had been left off the shopping list and she was not happy with that.

There were a significant number of black women on the course but, up to now, none that I could specifically identify with. However it now became clear that as a group they were prepared to support me, because of many of their own experiences of racism and sexism and were thus able to identify with my experiences of anti-lesbianism.

It was then agreed that the full group would make a presentation that evening, everyone contributing to the session, which I had agreed to lead. But in the event, only two people had the nerve to stand up and help me out. The third person had suddenly developed a sore throat at very short notice!

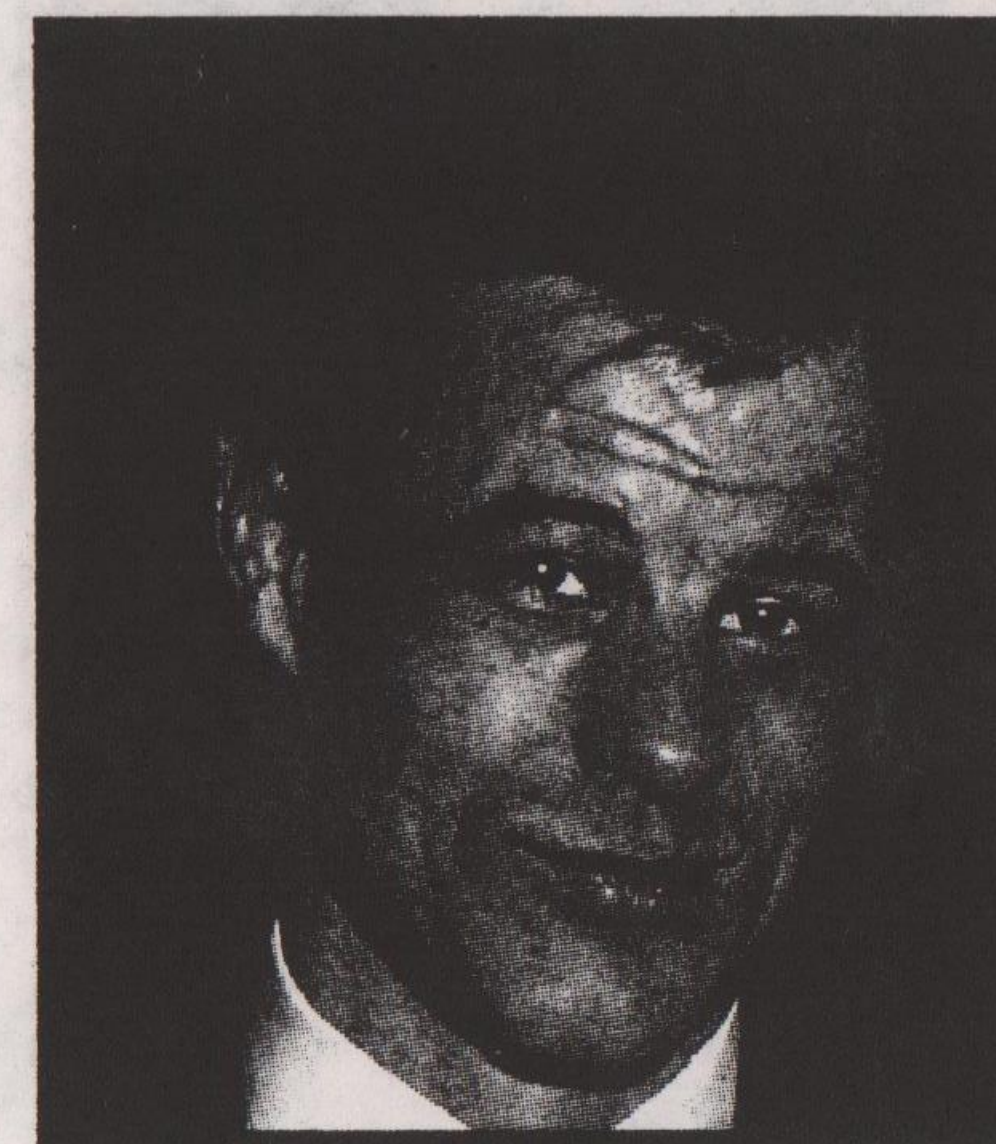
After my coming out in class a number of students were waiting for me in the corridor and said they admired my courage and would support me and a number of them later made a point of drinking with me in the bar, where they knew they would be seen with me. That felt good.

As an out-lesbian the tutor wanted me to draw up book lists, and be the expert on everything from drag queens to AIDS and lesbian separatism. I refused to do this on the grounds that I had more than enough work on my plate and it was not my responsibility to provide an in-house crash course on lesbian/gay issues for the college. As it was, my personal library been plundered and pillaged and it was about time the college extended its own library.

I made the point that the Poly should pay people proper wages to come and do seminars and not try and get experience on the cheap. They would never dream of asking a black student to do that. Again I was supported by Asian women students. All social work students have supervisors when they go out to learn their craft in the community. Black students have successfully fought to have black supervisors to oversee aspects of their work. I argued with my tutors that equally we should have access to supervisors who were lesbian. That battle is still being waged.

The reaction of the college was to say 'We were waiting to see whether you were 'coming out' on the course before we did anything'. I thought this was an appalling response. For someone not feeling strong enough to be 'out' their need for a positive role model would be that much greater. If this practice did not change it was clear that the next lesbian or gay through the college door would

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BRAD DAVIS, star of 'Midnight Express' and 'Querelle', who died several months ago of AIDS. He had been writing a book about being ostracised by Hollywood after his diagnosis when he died.



Rose of the Green Lane Gallery, our Halloween Queen who missed the last edition, makes a re-appearance for OUTRIGHT Christmas readers.

Out, Once More

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be in the same position as I was at the start of the course. (I am now offering support to social work students coping with 'coming out' at Nottingham Polytechnic).

I was in my 30's when I came out, and I was a card-carrying heterosexual most of my life. It never occurred to me when I originally came out that I would have problems, and so I carried on behaving as if I was socially acceptable. Since my coming out I have never looked back. I am fortunate that my partner and I have one of the most equal relationships that I know of. Now, I would never wish to be different.

Next month Pat looks at why she believes lesbian and gay oppression is a indivisible.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

reported in OUTRIGHT during 1991

A Seasonal Competition

You could win the value of a Christmas chicken (or one hundred vegeburgers!) - Co-op vouchers worth £20.

Q1. In January Staffordshire Police paid £30,000 damages to four members of the Lesbian and Gay Youth Movement. They had been arrested after sitting down in the garden of a West Midlands Councillor. (OUTRIGHT No 10). **BY WHAT NAME HAD THE ARRESTED GROUP BECOME KNOWN?**

Q2. OUTRIGHT reported the opening of "Britain's only gay radio station in Nottingham" (OUTRIGHT No 11). **WHAT WAS IT CALLED?**

Q3. "Britain's ultimate dance star" came to the Leicester Haymarket Theatre with the Stephen Petronio Company in April. (OUTRIGHT No 12). **WHO WAS HE?**

Q4. A new Health Shop opened in Nottingham. OUTRIGHT interviewed the project worker who works with men who have sex with men. (OUTRIGHT No 13). **WHAT WAS HIS NAME?**

Q5. OUTRIGHT reported that £1,500 had been raised for Nottingham AIDS Project at a screening of an American film dealing with the challenge of AIDS to a group of gay men in New York. (OUTRIGHT No 14). **WHAT WAS THE FILM CALLED?**

Q6. "Ten reasons to stay in Wednesdays" at 9pm. (OUTRIGHT No 15). **WHAT WAS THE SERIES CALLED?**

Q7. Britain's foremost black film maker came to the East Midlands to speak at the premiere of his new film "Young Soul Rebels." (OUTRIGHT No 16). **WHO WAS HE?**

Q8. A gay Councillor came out against outing in the Derby Evening Telegraph. (OUTRIGHT No 17). **WHAT WAS HIS NAME?**

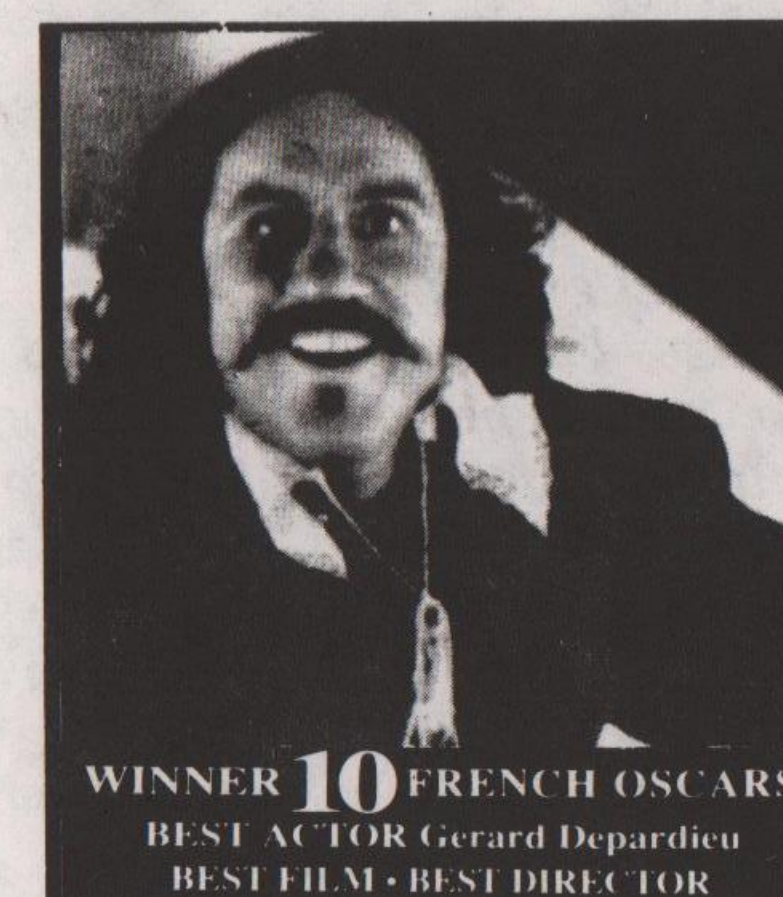
Q9. A Leicester man reviewed a new publication called "OUTLAWS". (OUTRIGHT No 18). **WHAT IS THE NAME OF HIS REGULAR COLUMN IN OUTRIGHT?**

Q10. A member of the Royal Family dropped in at Leicester AIDS Support Services. (OUTRIGHT No 19). **WHO WAS SHE?**

Write your answers on a sheet of paper, with your name and address. Post to arrive by 2nd January to: OUTRIGHT, PO Box 4, West PDO, Nottingham, NG7 2DJ.

The winner will be the person with the highest number of correct answers. In case of a tie, the correct entries will be drawn from a hat. The winner will be announced in the January edition of OUTRIGHT.

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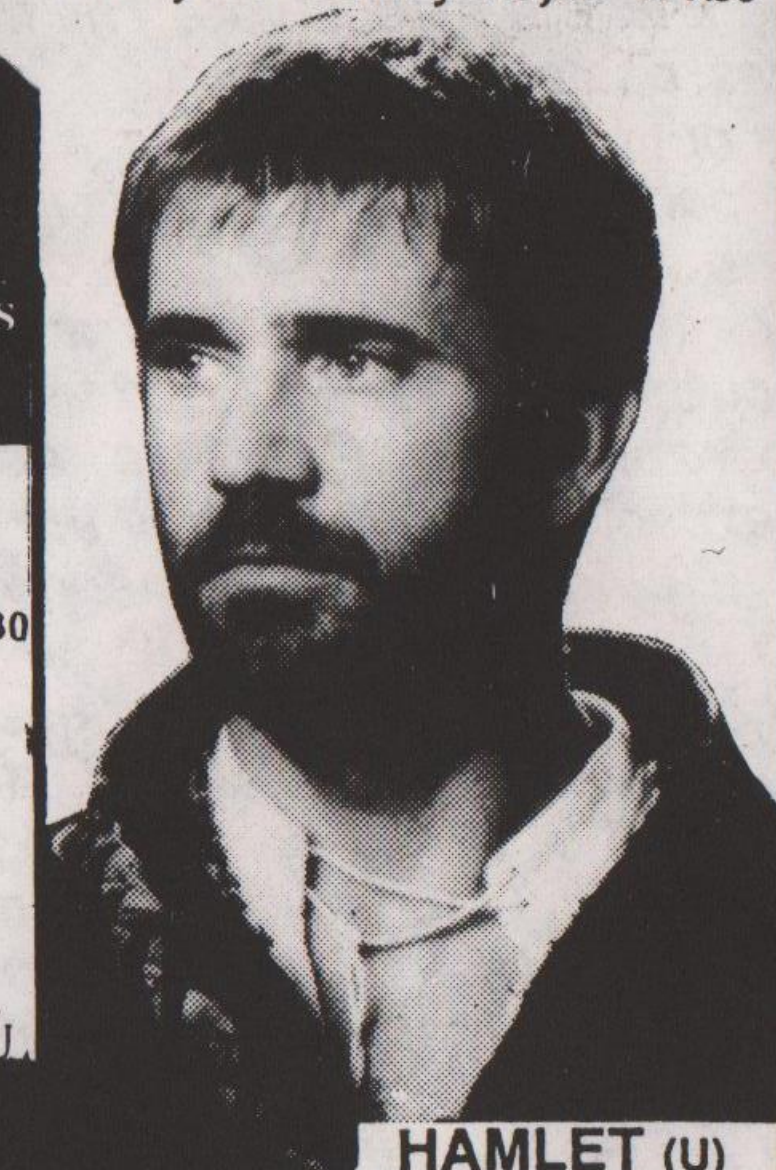
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Edward II (18) Derek Jarman's most accessible film since Caravaggio is a free adaptation of Christopher Marlowe's Elizabethan play about the ructions caused by King Edward's love affair with the working class Gaveston. Made on a miniscule budget, Edward II is a triumph of creativity over cost, as Jarman creates a passionate, beautifully shot, political drama which gives new, contemporary relevance to Marlowe's work. 10th - Thursday 16th Jan Fri and Sat at 9.00. Sun at 8.30. Tues and Weds at 9.00/Thurs at 6.30/9.00

HAMLET (U)

Leicester Lesbian and Gayline Coffee Bar plays host to more and more people as news gets around about its smart decor, friendly atmosphere and good food. Opening times are Friday noon till 2pm and Saturday 10am till 5pm.

Wherever you live, in Leicester or beyond, you're sure of a warm welcome from Anne and the band of cheerful volunteers.

What better place to drop in during a Christmas shopping trip.



THE TWO JAKES (18) 6-7 DEC 6.00 & 8.30 pm, SUN 8 DEC 8.15 pm only, 9-10 DEC 6.00 & 8.30 pm
U.S.A. 1989 Writer Robert Towne, Director Jack Nicholson (137 mins)
With Jack Nicholson, Harvey Keitel, Meg Tilly

Years in development, long in production and delayed in release, the sequel to Chinatown finally appears. A flawed courageous, absolutely unmissable sequel to a masterpiece, The Two Jakes crackles with atmosphere, razor sharp dialogue and the beauty of an understated performance from Nicholson as the irrepressible Private Eye Jake Gittes.



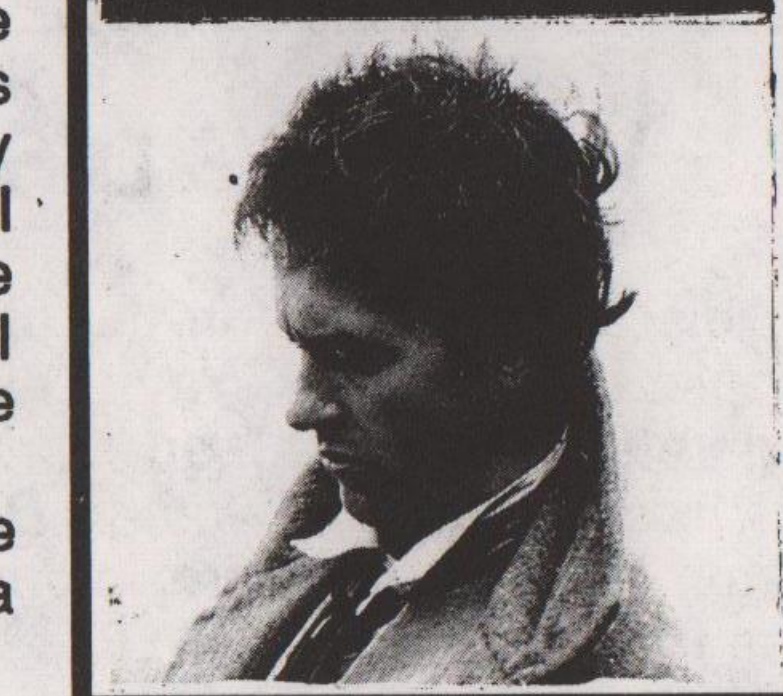
VALMONT (15) 27-30 DEC 5.45 & 8.30 pm
G.B./France 1989 Director Milos Forman (140mins)
With Colin Firth, Annette Bening, Meg Tilly, Sian Phillips

An absolute treat of wit, colour, 18th century sets, costumes and sexual intrigue, to banish those Yuletide goggle box blues. This is the one that got away - the 'other', quite different version of Laclos' classic Dangerous Liaisons. Made by the director and production team of Amadeus, scripted by Jean-Claude Carriere (Bunuel movies, Swann In Love, The Unbearable Lightness Of Being and dozens of others), at almost the same time as Stephen Frears' Dangerous Liaisons, it's only now getting its due release.



WITHNAIL & I (15) SUN 12 JAN 3.30 & 6.00 pm
G.B. 1987 Writer/Director Bruce Robinson (107 mins)
With Richard E. Grant, Paul McGann, Richard Griffiths, Michael Elphick

Unavailable for some time, this a great chance to catch a comedy cult classic about the chaotic, destructive, hysterically drunken weekend antics of two out of work actors who embark on a misjudged country outing at the lag end of the 1960's. A truly original sharply written movie which made names for its then unknown leads Grant and McGann.



CHATTAHOOCHEE (15) off BROADWAY, 18-21 DEC 7.30 pm U.S.A. 1989 Director Mick Jackson (97 mins)

With Gary Oldman, Dennis Hopper, Ned Beatty, M. Emmet Walsh
Based on a true story, this tough, occasionally harrowing, prison drama features a tour de force performance from Gary Oldman as a mistreated Korean war veteran wrongly committed to Chattahoochee Mental Hospital. Stirling Midnight Express type stuff with a great cast.

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A VIEW FROM THE TOWPATH KEEPING YOUR EYE ON THE BALL

A weekend stroll across any of Leicester's playing fields will often bring the pleasant sight of scantily clad, fit young men engaged in various forms of exercise. I believe this is called being a Man. Victoria Park, for example, despite its grandiose name, is little more than a playing field. Indeed I am told that at one time it was a racecourse. The much vandalised Cottages are all that remain of The Pavilion. This was destroyed by bombing during the Second World War. What effect this had on the residents is not recorded.

These activities are usually accompanied by ritualistic expressions such as "Man On" or "Come On, Lads". On what? one wonders. These should have the effect of rapidly destroying any fantasies that may accompany such sights. This is serious stuff, the playing-out of the struggle for dominance that masculinity is made of. Apart from that you might get hurt.

This perhaps is sufficient to explain why Gay Men are far more sensible and avoid such activities. There are, of course, exceptions. One such is the person hanging around in Changing Rooms desperately hoping for a quick flash of someone's plumbing or that his hopelessly unrealistic fantasies are about to be played out in the showers. Another, even worse case, is the person who is there to prove they cannot be Gay because they do all The Straight things. At times the human capacity for self-deception seems almost infinite.

Many advantages are to be found in taking up sport therefore it is surprising that Gay Men have not developed their own version. One feature of recent years is the growing variety of recreational activities. You don't have to take up the gratuitous violence thinly disguised as sport that is American Football. There are so many activities, from Softball to Table Tennis. At the same time, current emphasis on health is certainly welcome for many more reasons than the reaction to AIDS. It certainly will not be helped by the consumption of large quantities of alcohol and tobacco in crowded Bars.

Professional sport is not a very helpful role model either and, indeed is in many ways harmful to your health. The intense competition and training produces many injuries and drug taking. It must also contribute towards a very self-centred personality. On the other hand recreational exercise is not only helpful to health but also is a pleasant social activity, away from the Bar Culture, with its emphasis on physical appearance.

At times there seems to be something masochistic in the behaviour of Gay men. So many seem to condemn themselves to forever standing on the sidelines. The perpetual spectator, punishing themselves by desiring that which they cannot attain. It is far better to be the participant and your contribution acknowledged. Then you feel that you are involved and engaged in a worthwhile activity rather than being the outsider.

All this may sound very serious. It need not be. In North America there is, I understand, an organisation called 'The Judy Garland Bowling Memorial League'. Try imagining someone seriously aiming for a 'strike' while wearing full Drag and you will see what I mean. If dykes can have their tennis, Gay Men should be able to produce their own version of sport. Now where is my Caber?

Peter Smith

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MENS PERSONAL

LEICESTER, 50, submissive not camp, own home, seeks discreet friend/s 25-50 for fun. ALA. Box 27.

JOHN from Nottingham, 39 years old, 6' tall seeks a gay male aged 20-30 from Notts area for a relationship. Box 28.

NOTTINGHAM, 28, slim, seeks singles and couples 21-30 for friendship and fun, non-camp. Lets get together on these cold winter evenings. ALAWP. Box 29.

EAST MIDLANDS, gay male 30, slim build, caring, genuine, masculine and non-scene seeks similar stockily built male 25-35 for friendship/long term relationship. ALA. Box 30.

NOTTINGHAM, gay male 23, seeks guys for friendship and fun, possible 1-1 relationship, non-camp. ALA with photo. Box 31.

DERBY, student 31, new to area, seeks straight acting friends 21-35 for fun and friendship. Discretion assured. Box 32.

EAST MIDLANDS, 27, Leo, 5'7", cropped, hirsute, tached, passive, pierced (nipples and Prince Albert) seeks heavy black/grey/red master. You older similar. Take me to the other side. Box 33.

EAST MIDLANDS, 24, short, dark, cropped, tached, pierced, seeks daddy with tache, SM tastes, drinks cellar, smokes, nitrate etc. ALAWP. Bribes, vital statistics also help. Box 34.

YOUNG 24 year old looking for friends/penfriends, maybe more. From any part of UK. 5'8" tall, very slim. Hobbies incl. writing, reading, cooking and work. ALA, photo appreciated. Box 35.

KETTERING, gent 50s, seeks similar for friendship. Interests, theatre, cinema, classical music, languages and good gossip. ALA. Box 36.

LEICS/ANYWHERE, gay man, slim, gentle, sensuous, many varied interests, good company. 51, 5'9" seeks 26-40 for friendship/

relationship. Photo appreciated. ALA. Box 37.

DERBY/ANYWHERE, body builder, 6'3", clean shaven, seeks 21-45 muscular, athletic guys for fun, friendship. Interests, videos, cinema, gym, massage, walking, saunas, 1-1 relationship. ALAWP. Box 38.

MIDLANDS/STAFFS, ex-married guy, 34, warm and loving, seeks guys 21-50 for fun, friendship, possible relationship. Box 39.

DERBY, sincere loving guy, 24, 6'6" tall, slim/medium build. Interests, badminton, hiking/walking/survival training, seeks guys 21-35 from Derbys/Notts area. ALA. Send phone number for quick reply. Box 40.

LEICESTER, gay guy, early 50s, hirsute, would like to meet smooth guys for fun and friendship. New to Leicester and gay scene. Ex-forces, considerate, would like to have someone to care for. ALA. Box 41.

NOTTINGHAM, young gay man, hates the gay scene. Fed up with being used, seeks kind, honest, genuine friend, poss 1-1. I love blondes 21-25. Frank letter with photo if possible. Box 44.

MIDLANDS, genuine, emotional cancerian guy, 30, slim build, masculine, non-scene, seeks stocky built cancer, scorio or pisces guy, very masculine and discreet, 25-35 for friendship/possible 1-1 relationship. Box 45.

FREQUENT VISITOR to East Midlands, 40s, tall, slim, non-smoker, seeks male gay or bisexual friends 30-50. Interested in arts, massage, walking, travel/Photo appreciated. Box 46.

EAST MIDLANDS, 30, stocky, seeks stocky/slightly overweight guy 35-55, hairy if possible but certainly not essential for fun, but not looking for long term relationship-unless! ALAWP. Box 47.

LEICESTER, slim, blonde, athletic built guy, 20s, seeks dark, stocky guy, preferably with tache, for fun and friendship. No time wasters. ALAWP and phone number if possible. Box 48.

LEICESTER/NOTTS, well built young guy needs leather master full training, also uniform. I need to be told! Smoker. No time wasters please. ALAWP. Box 49.

LEICESTER/NOTTINGHAM, body and soul mate sought by slim, friendly guy, 34, who enjoys music, cinema, sports, walking and fun. Box 50.

WEST MIDLANDS, 30, wealthy, chubby guy, non-scene, wants younger nephew type to share good life. Photo please. ALA. Box 61.

LEICESTERSHIRE, young guy, 27, straight acting, average looks and build, seeks similar guy 21-30 for friendship/relationship, possible accommodation for right guy. Box 62.

WELL I'M BORED with being single and want someone to share my life with. I'm in my early 20s, live in Derby and am a student, but can travel and love socialising. Colour is no barrier, so get writing. Box 63.

FLAT TOPS and other short haired horny guys 21-28 sought by couple for fun, laughs and friend-

ship. ALAWP and frank letter. Box 64.

SINCERE gentle male, small build, 5'9" with varied interests seeks warm, genuine, non-smoker, similar build, under 30 for 1-1 long term. Leics/anywhere. ALAWP. Box 65.

DERBYSHIRE, tall, dark, slim, attractive 36 year old seeks post as houseboy or similar to guy/s 21-40, unpaid. ALA. Box 66.

EASY GOING, East Midlands guy 26, OK looks, non-smoker, enjoys music, swimming, eating out etc. Searching for guy 25+ with room for one more friend in their life. ALA. Box 67.

NOTTS AREA gay male, 31, own flat, smoker, non-scene, heavily into feet seeks same 21-35. Box 68.

NOTTINGHAM, 44, fit, slim, reasonable looks, seeks fun but discreet relationship. Promises same. Phone number assures prompt response. Only genuine replies please. Box 69.

COVENTRY/MIDLANDS, gay male couple, longstanding, both aged 30, interests theatre, cinema, driving and fun, seek gay couple, male, for friendship and fun times. Photo appreciated. Box 70.

LEICS/ANYWHERE, guy 48, friendly, considerate, discreet, non-scene, non-smoker, seeks similar/younger for fun/friendship, hopefully someone special for mutual sharing/caring. Please write fully with photo. ALA. Box 71.

NOTTINGHAM, 23 years old, Asian guy, 5'8", attractive with medium build, new to the scene, looking for nice, straight acting, sincere, honest relationship. Photo please. Box 72.

NOTTINGHAM, gay guys 27/35, non-smokers, non-camp, slim/attractive, tache, hairy body, seek builders for friend/fun/social and more! Interests architecture, design/interior decor! Accom/travel. Genuine people only. No time wasters. Photo/phone or horny letter ensures quick reply. box 73.

SHEFFIELD based, 47, often in East Midlands, quiet, warm hearted, seeks affectionate friendship. Box 74.

NOTTINGHAM biker, 42, 6', clean shaven Taurean, passive, seeks fully leathered hunky pillion for fun/friendship. Black/white 25-35 non-smoker, non-camp, Notts/East Midlands. ALAWP. Box 75.

I AM LOOKING for a straight acting, perhaps bisexual man. Someone that bit different. I'm not keen on clubs, loud music, or scene queens. I'm 21, looking for poss 1-1. Box 76.

NICE LOOKING, caring, big brother, 40s, 5'7", comfortable lifestyle, seeking a genuine and cute, younger brother, 20s to love and cherish. Weekend holidays etc. Must be slim. Photo appreciated. Box 77.

NOTTINGHAM, 40, stocky, short hair, bearded, seeks special guy to translate SM fantasy from magazines to reality or memory. ALAWP. Box 78.

LEICESTER, sincere, loving, white post-graduate student, 26, brown hair, blue/grey eyes, seeks Asian male to develop caring relationship. Interests, films, theatre,

music, vegetarian meals and quiet nights in. Box 79.

MIXED PERSONAL

DERBY MALE, 33, seeks bisexual female for safe fun and friendship of any colour. Age from 18-65. Photo appreciated if possible. ALA. No time wasters please. Box 80.

WOMENS PERSONAL

MATURE, writer/poet (female), seeks healthy, cultured, attractive, sophisticated woman of any age for inspiration and love. In return I will give absolute devotion and loyalty plus a poet's vision. Box 55.

NOTTINGHAM lesbian, 20, seeks friend/relationship for social activities and sport, or just training partner. Only serious replies please! Box 56.

EASYGOING, funloving female, 28, open and sincere, enjoys dancing, cooking, travelling, good times. Wishes to meet similar women for friendship/relationship. Also likes receiving letters (and replying) from friendly people! Box 57.

I'M NOT IN LOVE, but open to persuasion. Lively, outgoing, professional, 33, romantic and caring, seeking similar woman. Enjoy theatre, music, pubs and fun. Lets get together for friendship/relationship. Box 58.

EAST MIDLANDS, lesbian, early 20s, into self development, awareness, music, dancing, walking, countryside, health, seeks similar for honest, caring, friendship/relationship. Location and age unimportant. Box 59.

DERBYSHIRE lesbian, 30, loving, caring, seeks friendship/relationship. Any age. Box 60.

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